

The Examiner was also informed that an RCE would be filed since a decision on the petition will probably not be available before May 20, 2003.

Second: There is submitted an IDS listing a reference, not previously of record, EP 0 916 701 A1, which the EP office considers to disclose the features of the claims before it in the corresponding EPC application, please see the attached EP office communication.

Reference is made particularly to page 16, line 49-50 of the reference, where the following appears:

[0029] The ethylene/ α -olefin/non-conjugated polyene random copolymer (A-3) may favorably have a mole ratio of ethylene/ α -olefin/non-conjugated polyene in the range of 90/5/5 - 30/45/25, preferably 80/10/10 - 40/40/20.

(A-3) is a component soluble in paraxylene at 23°C, please see page 3, lines 27 and following and also page 2, last paragraph.

Continued Examination of the subject application is solicited.

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